

United States Court of Appeals For the First Circuit

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Beginning November 1, 2011, the First Circuit will allow members of the public and attorneys who are not Appellate ECF Filers to request electronic notification of docket activity in specific cases of interest by registering for an Appellate ECF non-filing account. Having an Appellate ECF non-filing account provides more benefits than regular PACER access to electronic dockets because, unlike PACER access, it will provide immediate electronic notice of docket activity. **Persons who register to receive electronic notification should be aware that, by doing so, they automatically set their notice preference in CM/ECF to email in all cases in which they are involved, either as passive viewer or active participant. So, by registering for a non-filing account, you are consenting to electronic service, and it is your responsibility to keep your email address updated.**

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- **Register for a PACER account at <http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>** if you or your law firm have not previously done so. A PACER account is required to view docket reports and electronically filed documents.
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After the First Circuit activates your account, you will receive a confirmation email. Non-filing account users who are interested in receiving electronic notification of docket activity in specific cases of interest should login to Appellate CM/ECF and select the Notice of Cases of Interest Utility. Within that utility, the user can select specific cases. For more information on how to access and use this utility, please refer to the [CM/ECF User Guide](#). Attorneys who register for a non-filing account and who are listed as active in a pending First Circuit appeal will automatically receive electronic notification of docket activity in that case.

It is important to note that attorneys who practice in this court must register as an Appellate ECF Filer (rather than merely for an Appellate ECF non-filing account). Further, an Appellate ECF Filer automatically receives electronic notification in cases in which the Filer is active and can sign up to receive notification in other cases of interest. The Appellate ECF non-filing account is for those who do not need electronic filing privileges, or are not eligible for them, but who nonetheless wish to follow a particular case and to receive alerts when something happens.